## IN THE CLAIMS JC17 Rec'd PCT/PTO 14 JUN 2005

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Plastics A plastic article which inhibits water droplet formation and has a plastics comprising a plastic substrate, at least one inorganic coating (a) which inhibits water droplet formation, and an adhesion-promoting intermediate layer (b) located between the plastics substrate and the inorganic coating, characterized in that wherein the intermediate layer encompasses two polymers (A) and (B), where water forms a contact angle smaller than or equal to 73° on a layer of the polymer (A) at 20°C and water forms a contact angle greater than or equal to 75° on a layer of the polymer (B) at 20°C.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): <u>Plastics The plastic</u> article according to Claim 1, eharacterized in that <u>wherein</u> the plastics substrate encompasses cycloolefin copolymers, polyethylene terephthalates, polycarbonates and/or poly(meth)acrylates.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): <u>Plastics The plastic</u> article according to Claim 2, <u>characterized in that wherein the plastics substrate is composed of polymethyl methacrylate.</u>

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Plasties The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the plastics substrate has an impact strength of at least 10 kJ/m<sup>2</sup> to ISO 179/1.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the plastics substrate has a thickness in the range from 1 mm to 200 mm.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the solubility of polymer (A) in water is smaller than 1 g/l.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the solubility of polymer (B) in water is smaller than 1 g/l.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the thickness of the adhesion-promoting intermediate layer (b) is in the range of 0.05 and 2.0 µm.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the proportion of polymer (A) in the adhesion-promoting intermediate layer (b) is in the range from 30 to 95% by weight, based on the weight of the adhesion-promoting intermediate layer (b).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the proportion of polymer (B) in the adhesion-promoting intermediate layer (b) is in the range from 5 to 70% by weight, based on the weight of the adhesion-promoting intermediate layer (b).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the polymer (A) is a vinyl polymer modified using polar groups.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the polymer (B) is an alkyl (meth)acrylate.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the polymer (B) are obtained by free-radical polymerization of mixtures which comprise the following constituents

(meth)acrylate	50 - 100% by weight
methyl (meth)acrylate	0 - 60% by weight
ethyl (meth)acrylate	0 - 60% by weight
C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> (meth)acrylate	0 - 100% by weight
≥ C <sub>7</sub> (meth)acrylate	0 - 50% by weight
polyfunctional	
(meth)acrylates	0 - 5% by weight
comonomers	0 - 50% by weight
vinylaromatics	0 - 30% by weight
vinyl esters	0 - 30% by weight

based on the weight of the vinyl compounds.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the carbon content of the inorganic coating (a) is at most 17% by weight, based on the weight of the coating (a).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): <u>Plastics The plastic</u> article according to <del>one or more</del> of the preceding claims, characterized in that <u>Claim 1</u>, wherein the inorganic coating (a) can be obtained by curing colloidal solutions of inorganic and/or organometallic compounds.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the inorganic coating (a) is obtainable by condensing a composition which encompasses at least 80% by weight of alkyltrialkoxysilanes and/or tetraalkoxysilanes, based on the content of condensable silanes.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the inorganic coating a) encompasses condensable polysiloxanes whose molar mass is in the range from 500 to 1 500 g/mol.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the thickness of the coatings (a) and (b) is in the range from 0.1 to 3 µm.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the scrub resistance of the plastics article to DIN 53778 is at least 10 000 cycles.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the plastics article has a modulus of elasticity to ISO 527-2 of at least 1500 MPa.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the plastics article has a weathering resistance to DIN 53 387 of at least 5000 hours.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): Plastics The plastic article according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that Claim 1, wherein the plastics article has a transparency to DIN 5033 of at least 70%.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): Process A process for producing plastics articles a plastic article which inhibits water droplet formation according to one or more of Claims 1 to 23, characterized in that, Claim 1, comprising coating onto a plastics substrate,

- an adhesion-promoting coating (b) which is applied and is then cured, and encompasses two polymers (A) and (B), where water forms a contact angle smaller than or equal to 73° on a layer of the polymer (A) at 20°C, and water forms a contact angle greater than or equal to 75° on a layer of the polymer (B) at 20°C, and then
- b) an inorganic coating (a) which inhibits water droplet formation which is applied and then cured.